

PSAC Victoria Area Council  
 General Meeting  
 September 26, 2018  
 PSAC Victoria Regional Office 5:45pm

Attendees:

*	Trish Martin – President (CEIU 20975)		Marcelo Lazaro – VP (UNDE 21016)
*	Ian Wiggs – Treasurer (UNDE 21008)	*	Astrid Stoker – Secretary (CIU 20042)
	Josh Peterson – UNDE 21009		Jay Krieger – UCTE 20209 (by phone)
	Julie Bussiere – CEIU 20941		Ken Turpin – UNDE 21010
	Colleen Girard - UNDE 21008	*	Nia Gillies – CEIU 20975
	Scott Parker - UTE 20028		Grace Sumampong – UHEW 20169
*	Ernest Hooker - UCTE 20220	*	Terri Phelan – UVAE 20030
	Deb Foster – CEIU 20941		John Davies - DCL 20500
	Leanne Hughes - CIU 20042	*	Nancy Sermons – DCL 20500
	Paul Jones - UNDE 21008		Kuldeep Deol – GSU 20001
	Brad Klein – UNDE 21016	*	T. Mark Miller – UNDE 21016
*	STAFF REP – James Little		Richard May – UHEW 20090 (by phone)

1749hr – President Trish Martin called to order.

AGENDA: (handout)

- **Motion to accept Agenda. M/Little, S/Gillies. CARRIED.**

PREVIOUS MINUTES: (handout – for June 21, 2018)

- **Motion to accept the minutes of June 21, 2018 General Meeting. M/ Little , S/ Gillies. CARRIED.**

FINANCES: (Ian presenting)

- No handout
- As of Sept 2018, we have \$1316.35 in bank
- Ball tournament cost was \$2348.14, and received back \$480 for team registrations. Therefore, total cost was \$1868.14
- How many participated? 4 teams (of 10 + players)
- Remaining Budget still needs to cover:

- Remembrance Day Wreath
  - Pride (no request received for funding, yet)
  - AGM
  - Xmas party
- **Motion to accept Financial Report as presented. M/Wiggs , S/ Phelan. CARRIED.**

#### BARGAINING UPDATES:

- Colleen & Marcelo not present
- Highlights: “To prevent another tragedy like Phoenix from ever happening again, PSAC is demanding greater consultation with the union before any technological changes are put in place affecting members.” (see PSAC website); fair wages; reducing temporary work & terms; pushing back against contracting out; introducing domestic violence leave; and supporting families (posted on PSAC website today).
- Going back to table in early Oct & in Nov

#### PSAC BC Area Council & BC Regional Council Geographic Coordinator Summit:

- Adding Sunday onto Nov regional council meeting in Vancouver (Sun, Nov 4<sup>th</sup>) (Trish, Nia, Colleen, will already be going). Marcelo has one seat and will be going already, and we are looking for one more person to go to represent VAC.
- Extra day to provide refresher on area council roles & responsibilities
- Still 1 more seat for Sunday (arrive Sat night, participate Sun and return Sun night)
- Ernest Hooker will go
- Ian Wiggs is alternate for either seat

#### REMEMBRANCE DAY:

- We usually buy wreath & president lays the wreath, but Trish cannot do it this year. Will be at the Langford cenotaph. Looking for volunteer to lay wreath. Please let Trish know if you are interested. Otherwise, James Little will find someone to do it.
- Ian will order the wreath (approx \$100).

#### LABOUR DAY DEBRIEF:

- Quite a good turnout coming to our tent
- Looking for more swag for next year
- Audio system was not good this year – no one could hear speeches or announcements
- Labour Council – needed more advertizing & organizing (not advertized very far ahead)
- Not well attended by unions
- Several politicians, made our Phoenix message known to them
- No BBQ, hotdogs, etc this year (previous years there was food)

#### 2019 PLANNING:

- Was suggested to stop doing Ball Tournament. Not as well attended as previously, and also not enough funds.
- Vancouver Island suggestions:
  - Volunteer day in each month, and then share on Facebook, and with PSAC
  - food kitchen as a group – to help with community awareness and support
- Parade did not have enough volunteers, even though it is a very public and well viewed event
- Do more political events
- Saanich Fair – is better choice. Can make face to face contact, is a political venue. Well attended. Often up to 100 people /hr at our booth.
- Pride Parade also good choice.
- Bring up options at next AGM, then can budget in January.
- Please consider what you would like to see
- We need to find out what members would like to see.

#### COMPONENT / LOCAL UPDATES / ROUND TABLE:

- Nancy Sermons – introduced herself and her work. Discussed Vanc Island Human Rights Committee meeting coming up on Oct 2nd. Please ask your self-identified members to come out (as well as non-identified, who can act as advocates). Also, Oct 10th – Vanc Island Regional Women’s Committee meeting – guest speaker is Elizabeth O’Brien from Victoria Transition House. Please send out invite to your female members on your email lists; and for Dec 6th - national day of remembrance.
- Ian – need AGM date, and Christmas party date – needs to be 4-7pm, so people can attend.
- AGM will be Wed, Nov 14 (will be voting for VP & Finance positions)
- Christmas Meet & Greet – Dec 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Trish – feel free to email Trish with ideas for VAC activities

**Motion to adjourn meeting at 1840hr. M/ Trish Martin, S/ Wiggs. CARRIED.**